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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responding to the Official Action mailed May 17, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 27 and claims 31-34.

Please amend the preamble of each of independent claims 1, 11, and 17, respectively as follows:

- a* 1. (amended) A trader-controlled trading system that employs a trading instrument having a fixed value and two opposing sides . . . .
- a* 11. (amended) A trader-controlled trading system . . .
- a* 14. (amended) A trader-controlled trading method . . .
- a* 17. (amended) A trader-controlled trading method . . .

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